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DAILY BRIEF

Cyprus: [Both sides continue to train irregulars, and minor harassments are reported.]

[] in recent days members of their community in various parts of the island have disappeared without trace. Since late December, the taking of hostages has become a prominent part of the intercommunal strife.]

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The British High Commissioner is increasingly concerned over the problem of relief supplies for the largely isolated Turkish Cypriot communities. Vice President Kuchuk has requested American aid for his followers who he claims face near starvation and possibly epidemics. He says some 25,000, about a quarter of the Turkish population, are homeless.

The Greek Cypriot leadership has denounced as "absolutely inadmissible" reported British plans for calling a three-power summit meeting of Greece, Turkey, and Britain in case the present Security Council negotiations collapse. According to a Greek press report, authoritative sources in Nicosia have reiterated that if Cyprus fails to get what it wants in the Security Council it will take the issue to the General Assembly.

The 23 February announcement by the Cypriot Government that it is negotiating with the USSR for establishment of a civil air route between the two countries is probably an expression of pique with the

West, as well as a demonstration of friendly relations with Moscow, which supports the Greek Cypriot case in the UN.

The USSR has been interested in landing rights at Nicosia for nearly two years. Before violence erupted in December, negotiations for an air agreement were reported scheduled for early 1964.]

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NOTES

Britain-Indonesia: In accordance with Malaysia's declaration of an air defense identification zone over eastern Malaysia effective 25 February, the British have now authorized their forces in Malaysian Borneo to shoot down, if necessary, aircraft attempting to supply guerrillas there by air. The British have recently moved Hawker Hunter jets from Singapore to Sarawak for border patrol missions. The US Embassy comments that the British, although they do not want a breakdown in the cease-fire, are increasingly inclined to launch a major mopping-up effort against the Indonesian guerrillas. 7

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India-Pakistan: Details of the clash last week near the Kashmir cease-fire line remain unclear. The Indian Government's charge on 23 February that irregulars from Pakistani-controlled Kashmir ambushed a 25-man Indian police patrol inside the cease-fire line and that 23 Indians are missing suggests that the incident was on a larger scale than the minor affrays which frequently occur in this area. In view of Chou En-lai's current visit to Pakistan and UN consideration of the Kashmir issue, both countries will make much of the incident, whether or not the Indian charges are borne out.

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British Guiana: Strikes organized by the pro-Jagan sugar workers union (GAWU) are spreading through the large sugar estates and are resulting in occasional violence. The leaders of the strikes hope to force the sugar producers to recognize GAWU rather than its anti-Jagan rival as the sole bargaining agent for the sugar workers, who account for about one half of the colony's organized labor. GAWU's new militant tactics may be attributable to Jagan's extremist supporters, some of whom have received training in Cuba.]

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